

Uckfield East Sussex

Lead Organisation:

Uckfield Town Regeneration Partnership

Aim of Project

- To assist the town, its' residents and businesses to recover from the effects of recent floods and the foot and mouth outbreak
- To strengthen and broaden the role of the partnership
- To improve the traditional role of Uckfield as a market town service centre.
- To stimulate interest in the town and it's future, especially the appearance and function of the town centre.

Achievements:

- The SRB grant enabled the purchase of illuminations which were in place for Christmas 2001
- After a period of at least 100 years a farmer's market was re-introduced in order to promote, canvass, advertise and develop the market. This activity encourages visitors to the town, increases both footfall and spend and provides local residents with an opportunity to purchase fresh local produce. The market continues throughout the winter with the kind assistance of the Town Council who offer a location under cover. The Uckfield Farmer's Market is now recognised to be the largest of it's kind in the whole of Sussex.
- SRB funding allowed the complete overhaul of the town website. All voluntary organisations, including sports, arts, church and charities are given the opportunity to participate on a free gratis basis.
- A link between the official town site and the town council site has now been established
- The town healthcheck is now underway with full participation from the Regeneration Steering Group and certain council committees.
- The worksheets will identify areas for further action and the community will be invited to give their views through a series of public meetings and the town website.



Those involved:

Members of the Uckfield Regeneration Group including representatives from local councils, chamber of commerce, business, retail, education, library, volunteer organisations, citizens advice, youth councils, Sussex police, sports organisations, environmental and preservation society, arts societies, churches, Rotary.

Funding:

Contributions have been received from SRB, the District and Town Councils, Chamber of Commerce. These contributions include both cash and in kind assistance.

Innovation:

In the face of obvious need, which required an urgent response, innovation was not seen as a major priority

Lessons Learned:

Communications with all of the necessary contacts can be laborious
There is a need to centralise funding sources and opportunities through the provision of a one stop shop with professional support to guide towns through the maze of opportunities.

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